

### REMARKS

The foregoing amendments are made to eliminate multiple dependencies in the claims (to reduce filing fees), and to make the claims conform to the format of U.S. practice. None of these amendments is related to the patentability of the claims.

Claim 1 is an original claim.

Claim 2 is an original claim.

Claim 3 is an original claim.

Claim 4 is an original claim.

Claim 5 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 6 is an original claim.

Claim 7 is amended to eliminate the multiple dependency.

Claim 8 is a new claim.

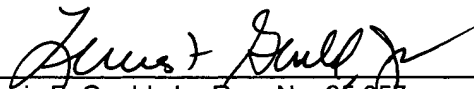
Claim 9 is a new claim.

New claim 8 was added to eliminate the multiple dependency in claim 5 and to cover the combination of claims 3, 4 and 5. New claim 9 was added to cover the combination of dependency on claims 1 and 2.

In view of the foregoing amendments and remarks, Applicants submit that this application is in condition for allowance. Early notification to that effect is respectfully requested.

The Commissioner for Patents is hereby authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any excess payment that may be associated with this communication to deposit account **04-1679**.

Respectfully submitted,



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